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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 33-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 33-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 05/01/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on 5/01/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In re page 5, Applicant argues that Suzuki does not enable the choice of incrementing the displayed range by a portion of a month, instead requiring the user to increment the displayed range by one or more whole months.

In response, regarding claim 33, Applicant amended claim 32 with limitation “a browsing portion enabling a user to selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month or a portion of a month.” Note that the claim was amended with alternative limitation “or” in the limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month **or** a portion of a month”. Therefore, the cited reference can read on limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month” or limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a portion of a month.” In this case, Suzuki et al. (the cited reference) discloses that a

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user can select a month of the year 1999 by click on button “previous month” or “next month”, figure 28, which read on limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month.”

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 33-38, 40-48, 50-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (US 6,590,585).

Regarding claim 33, Suzuki et al. discloses calendar-based photo file browsing system (screen displayed by the AV content management and search program shown in figure 28, column 22, lines 1-28) for browsing a plurality of files including at least one of a digital image or a digital video, each said digital file having an associated date, said system having an interface displayed on a display, said interface comprising:

(a) a calendar portion (calendar display window 261, figure 28, column 22, lines 1-28) having a range of displayed dates (calendar display window 261 shows a range of displayed in March, figure 28), each respective said date containing an indicator (thumbnail image shown in dates of 3/1/1999, 3/6/1999, 3/7-3/10/1999, figure 28) indicating the existence of one or more files associated with said respective said date;

(b) a browsing portion enabling a user to selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month or a portion of a month (Note that the claim was amended with alternative limitation “or” in the limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month or a portion of a month.” Therefore, the cited reference can read on limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month” or limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a portion of a month.” In this case, Suzuki et al. (the cited reference) discloses that a user can select a month of the year 1999 by click on button “previous month” or “next month”, figure 28, which read on limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month”).

Regarding claims 34, 48, Suzuki et al. discloses where said browsing portion permits a user to selectively increment said range by a selected one of a day, a month, and a year (a user can select month of the year 1999 by click on button “previous month” or “next month”, figure 28).

Regarding claims 35, 46, Suzuki et al. discloses where said browsing portion permits a user to adjust the size of said range by a number of days equal to or greater than a week (Note that the claim was amended with alternative limitation “or” in the limitation “adjust the size of said range by a number of days equal to or greater than a week.” Therefore, the cited reference can read on limitation “adjust the size of said range by a number of days equal to a week” or limitation “adjust the size of said range by a number of days greater than a week.” In this case, Suzuki et al. (the cited reference) discloses that a user can select any month of the year 1999, this

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indicates that the user can adjust the size of the range, figure 28, which read on limitation “adjust the size of said range by a number of days greater than a week”.

Regarding claims 36, 47, Suzuki et al. discloses where said browsing portion permits a user to alternate said range between a week and a month (figure 28 shows that the user can browse image displayed in a week, for example, the user can browse image displayed in week of 3/1-3/6/1999 or 3/7-13/1999).

Regarding claim 37, Suzuki et al. discloses where said indicator is a thumbnail image (thumbnail images shown in dates of 3/1/1999, 3/6/1999, 3/7-3/10/1999, figure 28).

Regarding claims 38, 44, Suzuki et al. discloses where said thumbnail image is representative of a plurality of images, each associated with the respective indicator's date (thumbnail images shown in dates of 3/1/1999, 3/6/1999, 3/7-3/10/1999, figure 28).

Regarding claims 40, 50, Suzuki et al. discloses having plural said indicators (thumbnail images shown in dates of 3/1/1999, 3/6/1999, 3/7-3/10/1999, figure 28).

Regarding claims 41, 51, Suzuki et al. discloses where each of said plural indicators of a respective said date indicates a category of files (column 22, lines 10-20).

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Regarding claims 42, 52, Suzuki et al. discloses where each of said plural indicators of a respective date indicates a time associated with said respective date relative to other said indicators associated with said respective date (figure 28, column 22, lines 1-25).

Regarding claim 43, Suzuki et al. discloses calendar-based photo file browsing system (screen displayed by the AV content management and search program shown in figure 28, column 22, lines 1-28) for browsing a plurality of files including at least one of a digital image or a digital video, each said digital file having an associated date, said system having an interface displayed on a display, said interface comprising:

(a) a calendar portion (calendar display window 261, figure 28, column 22, lines 1-28) having a range of displayed dates (calendar display window 261 shows a range of displayed in March, figure 28), each respective said date containing an indicator (thumbnail image shown in dates of 3/1/1999, 3/6/1999, 3/7-3/10/1999, figure 28) indicating the existence of one or more files associated with said respective said date, said indicator being a thumbnail image of a file associated with said respective said date (thumbnail images shown in dates of 3/1/1999, 3/6/1999, 3/7-3/10/1999, figure 28, column 22, lines 1-28).

(b) a browsing portion enabling a user to selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month or a portion of a month (Note that the claim was amended with alternative limitation “or” in the limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month or a portion of a month.” Therefore, the cited reference can read on limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month” or limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a portion of a month.” In this case, Suzuki et al. (the cited

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reference) discloses that a user can select a month of the year 1999 by click on button “previous month” or “next month”, figure 28, which read on limitation “selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month”).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 39, 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. (US 6,590,585) in view of Peairs et al. (US 6,085,205).

Regarding claims 39 and 49, Suzuki et al. fails to specifically disclose each respective displayed date has an associated displayed second indicator indicating the quantity of files associated with said respective displayed date. However, Peairs et al. teaches a calendar-based user interface, in which a monthly display page 500 shows a number of files for a respective displayed date, such as cell 504 for the date of August 19, 1996 shows 3 documents 506, 508 and 510, figure 5, column 4, lines 30-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device in Suzuki et al. by the teaching Peairs et al. in order to obtain a calendar-based user interface, which allows a user to recognize the number of files associated with a respective displayed date.

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Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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